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NO DOUBT ABOUT CONNECTICUT

Connecticut's attitude was fully expressed in the state convention Wednesday as it had been done by preferential primaries. From corner to corner of the commonwealth the clamor is for the re-nomination and re-election of President Taft. There is no doubt about Connecticut and there never has been. The mere suggestion of Roosevelt's name called for huzzas and cries of opposition, which fully showed the state's pulse just as truly as the primaries would have done in this instance. Connecticut will send an instructed delegation bearing two, but all four will vote for Taft. The expression of the state convention cannot be overlooked. In fact, in these anxious times, the precaution was a wise one that the state delegation received instructions. All are then who can be relied upon to do as the state desires, but with the "valence" policy of claiming everything not tied down or declared then contested, the only safe course in helping the Taft cause was pursued.

This makes 50 delegates in New England, including the Vermont six, for Taft. Rhode Island will throw its lot to the president, and in New Hampshire and Massachusetts the fight is on. The committee favor Taft, and it is believed that the close of the month will find him in the column. The latter state has gone on record for progressive legislation, but not of a character which is beyond some progress, for which President Taft stands and has steadily been working. It is significant that Roosevelt has declined to accept the challenge of Congressman Gardner of Massachusetts to an open debate on the issues of the campaign. In attacking the ex-president from the floor of the house the congressman was complimented by his own handling of the subject and he would prove a bad adversary for the "Colonel." It is inferred, when campaign issues alone are discussed.

PRESIDENT KEEPS HIS WORD.

A great handle has been made by the Roosevelt managers about federal patronage in the present contest for the presidential nomination. They have hammered away at such length on that subject that they have become unbalanced in their own minds. It has been revealed that the ex-president was publishing one of the great vote-getting powers he had used against others, and which he feared would be used against him.

President Taft is emphatic on this point, when he says, as he has always maintained, that he has no intention of removing any federal office holder because of his political views. This does not go on a more candid statement alone, for he has demonstrated that he keeps his word. The collector of customs at Salem, Mass., is a Roosevelt supporter, but his re-nomination to the office was forwarded by the president regardless. There was the opportunity of the president had so wished to have whipped into line by threat or fraud who who is opposed to him and held it up as an example to other federal office holders. He had the chance for the winning of the big stick, but he stood by what he said, and in such a campaign of vituperation as conducted by his opponent is simply an evidence of the safe and sane character and purpose of the president. Under the stand of the ex-president and the breaking of his solemn promises to his country and party, that Roosevelt office-holder could have made no outcry if he had not been disappointed.

A WOMAN CHIEF.

In naming Miss Lathrop as chief of the children's bureau in the department of commerce and labor, President Taft has made a new departure. Bureau heads have been men before, but this is the first time a woman has been placed at the head of one of the great departments of the government. Miss Lathrop has been selected because of excellent qualifications for the office, and is almost as prominent in her line of work as Jane Addams. Miss Lathrop has done great things for Illinois in the way of charity reform, sanitation and various other things. She has been successful in her efforts to improve the conditions of the Illinois legislature for better conditions. She was instrumental in securing a juvenile court law and by her experience and familiarity with children, their condition and needs are well understood, so that her new work will simply be an extension of the scope of a much larger territory for the greater benefit of the various communities which have to deal with the child problem, and there are none but what are interested in such phase.

The president has chosen well, and it gives Miss Lathrop the opportunity within the provisions of the bill, of establishing a national information bureau relative to the welfare of the child. That a woman can be efficient as well as within the power of the new appointment is proved.

If a legislature is in the way, I'll move it out of the way. If a man is in the way, I'll move him out of the way."—Roosevelt in New Hampshire. And if the people are in the way when he is president he will ignore them. Men of such lunacy are rarely reliable.

The blizzards have had a serious time owing to the severe winter weather at the north, and return to New England in greatly reduced numbers. In 1905 from a like cause they were nearly exterminated and have been years in recovering from it.

Roosevelt says the man who prouts in the act of putting sugar in as much as the voters, as a job at Taft, and takes his profit in the same way. Monitored by his own utterances how good is Colonel Roosevelt?

Connecticut has set an example which it would be well for Massachusetts and New Hampshire to follow.

WIRELESS AMATEURS.

Only those who are making it or have passed through the experience know just what the wireless "S. O. S." appeal means. This distress call, consisting of three dots, three dashes and three dots, is like the cry of a child in the night, piercing the air for 550 miles as it did Sunday night, every ship with wireless within that zone knew that the Titanic was in need of immediate assistance. "S. O. S." is the name given the appeal and how true it represented the conditions under which the Titanic's passengers were laboring. That signal never goes unheeded and that any of the survivors was ever found is probably due to the wireless.

The wireless service, however, has come to be seriously handicapped by amateur operators, and it never was more thoroughly demonstrated than in the past week. There is immediate need of legislation to restrict the use of the wireless, so that such meddling will not occur again. Because of the flood of sparks sent out by the amateurs the receiving of the news from the steamships was impossible, and the country made it very difficult to get news from those to whom the continent was looking. The wireless was not content to listen, but felt it necessary to do the questioning despite the frantic appeals to clear the zone. Such interference reached its height following the catastrophe and should prove the straw to break the camel's back. They have proved not only meddlers and a nuisance in legitimate business, but a decided annoyance in the time of great emergency.

DEMANDS FOR RELIEF FUNDS.

There are demands in all directions for relief funds at this time with famine and flood sufferers in great numbers, to which is added the dependent survivors of the Titanic. The country at large and the government are interested in the conditions and to assist those made homeless or suffering because of the Mississippi flood, congress at the request of the president, has appropriated in the neighborhood of a million, part of which was used in efforts to restrict the water.

In China, the famine is at its height and the effort to raise a million for the starving victims of last autumn's floods has resulted in but a fifth being subscribed. Millions are starving in that land and the fact that there is not a larger response is due probably to the many appeals for similar conditions in China, Russia and India, to which liberal American contributions were made. It was American assistance which broke up the last famine in China, which country is now handicapped by reconstruction and war. Famine appeals are constantly drawing contributions from the four corners of the land and it is noticeable that though frequent, there is always a generous response.

The funds for the Titanic survivors will reach large figures. There was \$200,000 represented by passengers aboard her, many of whom were lost. The heirs will hardly feel they should contribute over a million or two, because their loved ones were drowned through the neglect in not having the necessary provisions for safety; and, yet, while money will not bring back the dead, the humanitarian standpoint, a very small part of their fabulous wealth would bring endless comfort to the otherwise hopeless outlook of widows and orphans.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Happo thought for today. A gay inventor is a reciprocal of hot air.

Progressive is a good straight word in the dictionary, but as politically handled it is being severely warped.

The people will never be satisfied until there is adequate life boat protection on ocean and coasting steamships.

Breaking the speed law is general in all cities. Norwich included, and drivers never see a trolley car which is stopped.

Colonel Roosevelt's warmest admirers must admit that as the original Taft man he is at present cutting a queer caper.

Colonel Bryan, "the peerless one," was asking "Shall the people rule?" In 1908, and the people answered the question and answered it right.

The governor of Kansas proclaimed a "fire-prevention day." This is a clean-up day and it means money saved and menaces to life removed.

By refusing to debate campaign issues in Massachusetts, Roosevelt indicates that he is talking strength Res outside the real bone of contention.

Now that Woodrow Wilson has located his station in the campaign, campaign can proceed with all mysteries cleared up except the loss of Illinois.

Imagination cannot begin to depict the harrowing scenes on the deck of the Titanic when it was realized families were being broken up never to meet again.

Had the Titanic been a Chinese vessel, the man and children would be the survivors and the women left to their fate. That's the way they do it over there.

It is not noted that the would be movement of America sent congratulations to J. P. Morgan on his 75th birthday, along with the messages from the European sovereigns.

Such disasters as the Titanic simply show only too plainly what careful navigators can avoid by the exercise of a little time rather than talking platitudes with human lives.

If it cost J. W. Perkins, F. A. Munroe and A. S. Cochran the greater part of \$30,000 to help Roosevelt in New York, Illinois and Pennsylvania friends must have come forward handsomely.

General Greenover of Ohio, the accurate political forecaster, says Taft will be re-nominated at Chicago, while admitting that the political situation is the most complex he has ever known.

President Taft called the attention of his daughters of the American Revolution at Washington to the fact that it is time for the Americans to pledge themselves anew to the constitution.

Down By the Sea.

New England Affairs no longer have a waterfront of their own. The half million dollar demand to reimburse at Revere has been cut up into house lots.—Concord Monitor.

Governor and Mrs. Dix of New York will sail for Europe Saturday on the Lepanto.

BULLETIN'S SPECIAL YALE LETTER

Divinity School Alumni and Connecticut Ministers have Third Annual Convocation—Efficiency of Dwight Hall Discussed—Lecture by Prof. Arthur N. Wheeler—Yale Football Eleven will Strive to Cross Harvard's Goal Line.

New Haven, April 18.—The third annual convocation of the Yale divinity school alumni and ministers of Connecticut began Monday afternoon and will today. Several hundred clergymen and other visitors have been in attendance at the various lectures and conferences, among the number being the following from eastern Connecticut, most of whom registered during the sessions:

Rev. W. S. Board, Willimantic; Rev. J. W. Ballantine, Stafford Springs; Rev. H. A. Beards, Pomfret Center; Rev. C. J. Bickel, New London; Rev. Benedict, Central Village; Rev. C. C. Chappell, Montville; Rev. M. Chapman, Lyme; Rev. R. G. Clark, Stafford Springs; Rev. W. Coleman, Norwich; Rev. J. R. Danforth, New London; Rev. J. H. DeVries, Old Saybrook; Rev. G. F. Farnsworth, Old Mystic; Rev. G. H. Boring, Norwich; Rev. S. H. Howe, D.D., Norwich; Rev. C. W. Harrison, Gales Ferry; Rev. F. M. Hollister, North Stonington; Rev. L. Z. Horton, Stafford Springs; Rev. R. M. Korrige, New London; Rev. R. Kendall, Woodstock; Rev. J. W. Knappengerger, Niantic; Rev. G. R. Marston, Stonington; Rev. C. H. Pack, Hanover; Rev. R. E. Small, Goshen; Rev. G. B. Spaulding, Jr., Stonington; Rev. L. M. Strayer, Old Saybrook; Rev. W. F. White, Westford; Rev. H. J. Wyckoff, Rev. E. S. Worcester, Worcester.

All the foregoing were the invited guests of the divinity school, and the majority as in the case of many of the other visiting clergymen, arrangements for their entertainment during the conference had been made.

The chief features of the conference were the Lyman Beecher lectures by Rev. John H. Jowett of New York, a graduate of Edinburgh and Oxford, on "The Preacher: His Life and Work." As intensely interesting and practical were the Taylor lectures by Rev. George A. Smith, D.D., of the Chicago theological seminary, on "Modern Ethics and Theological Reconstruction." There were four lectures in each series. In addition, there was the alumni lecture on Wednesday by Rev. George Reddick, Montgomery, Ill., D.D., of New York city, who has secured this honor because of his scholarly activities in this country and abroad. His subject was "With Wilson and the Modern Preacher." There were many valuable conferences and discussions and the place of Yale as a center of religious influence was strikingly shown, while Dean Brown and others set forth the great possibilities of the future.

Prof. Simon E. Baldwin, LL.D., governor of Connecticut, the William Earle Dodge lecturer, on "The Responsibilities of Citizenship," for this year, began the course on Monday night, the most important in the university, on Monday night. Governor Baldwin's immediate predecessors as Dodge lecturers were Governor Bruce, ex-Secretary Root, Dr. Lyman Abbott and President Taft. In his first lecture, "The Relation of Education to Citizenship," Governor Baldwin said:

There is a word in our language which has acquired a new meaning of late years. It is "citizenship." It is to express a faculty of coming to calm and sober decisions, belonging to the citizenry, to an exceptional man. He is "citizen" the rest of us are not. This way of looking at men's minds indicates the feverishness of the age. We are unsettled. We are reasonably look to men of higher education to cool it off; to quiet and steady it, to give its force a direction by healthy ways.

The most popular cry, not always today, but always and everywhere in American politics, is for progressive policies. Our people have no patience with mere standstills. But it is often not an easy thing to distinguish between advancing and retrograding forces. Who can best do it? The man who has had scientific instruction in these general ideas which are common to all sciences of all countries, and, we may also say, of all times.

In his second lecture Wednesday night, Governor Baldwin spoke on "Citizenship Education." He spoke of the "old fashioned college education before the system of election."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

All Alike at Sea.

Mr. Editor: How often we hear and read of the terrible doings of our millionaire Americans. How often the demagogue stories to arouse public sentiment by labeling at "the bloated millionaire!" but in the past few days it has been proved far beyond all argument that men like John Jacob Astor, Benjamin Guggenheim and John P. Strass, who owned \$400,000,000 of money and property, stood gallantly and heroically by the sinking Titanic while women and children, many of them humble emigrants, were saved.

Millions did not count in such a time, but the fact did. There are many people in America today who for the first time behold John Jacob Astor just as he was—an American, a gentleman and a hero.

C. R. MONTGOMERY.
Packer, Conn., April 18, 1912.

The Geography of Ulster and Other Facts.

Mr. Editor: One of twice, commenting on the prospects of the passage of the new law for the government of Ireland, known better as home rule, references have been made to opposition coming from Ulster county. It should be stated that Ulster is not a county, but a province, containing nine counties, and these among the most important, namely, Donegal, Londonderry, Antrim, Down, Armagh, Monaghan, Tyrone, Fermanagh and Carrick. Broadly speaking, Ulster is about the fourth part of Ireland. By the last census (April 2, 1911) the population of Ulster was 1,318,712, which is 435,084 more than one-fourth of the population of Ireland.

Denominational, Ulster has Roman Catholics 490,124, Protestants 888,438. Made up from Roman Catholics, 524,000, Methodists and others, of which the Protestants are the most numerous, being 421,588, which the Episcopalian number 366,111 of the population.

Ulster embraces the important cities of Armagh, Londonderry and Belfast, where such levitations of the deep as the Titanic, Olympic and other great vessels are designed and built. In fact, Lord Pirrie, their builder, is a Protestant home rule and a Protestant. Judging by statistics alone, Ulster is not only prosperous, but has never been more prosperous and contented than during the ten years since the last provincial census, 1901. The increase in population being only 0.3 per cent, while in the provinces of Connaught and Munster there was a decrease of 5.2 and 4.4 per cent, respectively. Only one of the four provinces, Leinster, shows increase of population, that 8.7 per cent.

A curious feature of the census returns is the heavy decrease in the female population of Ireland, which is

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